(b) the details of the suggestions/requests made by the Chief Ministers which were accepted/rejected by the Government alongwith the suggestions/requests proposed to be taken into consideration:

(c) the time by which a final decision to implement these suggestions/requests is likely to be taken:

(d) the reasons for the delay in taking a final decision in this regard:

(e) whether any high level committees has also been set up to review the recommendations made by Sarkaria Commission in respect of the Centre-State relationship:

(f) if so, whether the Committee have submitted its report: and

(g) if not, the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (g). So far two meetings of the Inter-State Council have been held. The first meeting was held on 10th October, 1996 and the second meeting on 15th October, 1996. The Council, in its first meeting, decided to set up a Sub-Committee to examine the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations and also to consider wider aspects of Centre-State relations. The report of the Sub-Committee was to be considered at the next meeting of the Inter-State Council.

The Inter-State Council, in its second meeting, took note of the work of the Sub-Committee, particularly the 179 recommendations finalised by it. While it broadly endorsed the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, it also decided that in view of the reservations expressed by some of the Chief Ministers, the State Governments may send their views on any matter of relevance, including the 179 recommendations finalised by the Sub-Committee, to the Inter-State Council Secretariat so that their views can be further considered by the Standing Committee of the Council proposed to be constituted. The Constitution of the Standing Committee is under consideration.

The Standing Committee would also review and update the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission, especially the vital question of devolution of financial powers from the Central Government to the State Governments and the examination of changes required in article 356 of the Constitution of India. The Committee will be required to give its report within three months and the same will be considered thereafter by the Council. The recommendations of the Inter-State Council will be sent to the Government for consideration and a final decision.

In view of the recommendations of the Inter-State Council to constitute a Standing Committee, the proposal to constitute a High Level Committee stands dropped.

Gobbling of Old Age Pension

755. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the incidents of gobbling up of old age pension of poor dalits in village Kegha of Kalyanpur Development block of Kanpur (U.P.):

(b) if so, whether the Government had asked to conduct an inquiry in the matter:

(c) if so, the result thereof: and

(d) the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d). The Government is not aware of any incident of Gobbling of funds released as Old Age Pension under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to the State of U.P. as such and to village Kegha of Kalyanpur Development Block of Kanpur District.

[English]

Misuse of Funds by M.C.D

756. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received suggestions/requests from some hon'ble Members of Parliament from July 1, 1996 till date for making probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation into the increase in crimes in Delhi and misuse of funds by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) whether such suggestions or memoranda have also been received from certain social organisations of Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government have ordered or proposed to order for conducting probe into the said matters by the Central Bureau of Investigations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance for Natural Calamities

757. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :
SHRI TARA CHAND BHAGORA :
SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT :
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to each State to deal with

various natural calamities like floods, drought, cyclones hail storms etc. during 1996-97;

(b) the amount actually released to each State till date for the purpose;

(c) whether several State Governments have requested the Union Government to provide special assistance or to raise the amount of assistance to deal with the natural calamities during 1996-97;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (e). A Statement indicating the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) allocation, funds released therefrom and additional funds sought by various State Governments during 1996-97 for relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities is enclosed.

Additional funds over and above the CRF are provided to the State Governments from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) only in the wake of calamities of rare severity. For floods during 1996-97, Rs. 21.00 crores has been provided to Assam as additional assistance from the NFCR. It has also been decided to release Rs. 3.00 crores to Arunachal Pradesh and Rs. 7.00 crores to Bihar from this fund. The requests of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Sikkim are presently under consideration. In the case of requests from other States it has been decided that the calamities are not of rare severity warranting any additional assistance.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	State	Actual CRF	Central share	Central share released	Request for additional assistance
1.	Andhra Pradesh	124.19	93.14	93.140	2819.37
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7.04	5.28	3.960	110.53
3.	Assam	50.01	37.51	28.133	415.51
4.	Bihar	51.96	38.97	29.228	168.92
5.	Goa	1.07	0.80	0.600	-
6.	Gujarat	139.60	104.70	104.700	282.00
7.	Haryana	25.05	18.79	18.790	43.36
8.	Himachal Pradesh	26.95	20.21	15.158	458.37
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	19.71	14.78	14.780	273.97
10.	Karnataka	41.85	31.39	23.543	-
11.	Kerala	55.40	41.55	41.550	312.83
12.	Madhya Pradesh	51.08	38.31	28.733	55.00
13.	Maharashtra	68.20	51.15	38.363	-
14.	Manipur	2.48	1.86	1.400	-
15.	Meghalaya	2.79	2.09	1.568	-
16.	Mizoram	1.27	0.95	0.712	-
17.	Nagaland	1.71	1.28	0.960	-
18.	Orissa	49.01	36.76	36.760	585.80
19.	Punjab	54.15	40.61	30.458	-
20.	Rajasthan	179.04	134.28	134.280	321.00
21.	Sikkim	4.71	3.53	3.530	43.92
22.	Tamil Nadu	59.35	44.51	33.383	-
23.	Tripura	4.49	3.37	2.528	-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	125.12	93.84*	70.380	429.79
25.	West Bengal	51.32	38.49	38.490	309.00